ABSOLUTE RATING: Below Average IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of districts with students like ours: 7.

The absolute ratings for those districts ranged from unsatisfactory to below average. For improvement ratings, the range was from below average to good.

#### **Definitions of District Rating Terms**

**Excellent**- District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good**- District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average-** District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average**- District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory**- District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

## PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS

Our District

Districts With Students Like Ours



2%8%
Mathematics Eng



1% 11% English/ Language Arts



3%8% Mathematics

Basic



0% 12% English/ Language Arts

**Below Basic** 



#### **DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:**

- Advanced Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient Student performance met expectations.
- Basic Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS						
Chudant Carun	Percent of Seniors Passing the	Percent of Seniors Qualifying for LIFE	Basic or on the P.	Scoring Above ACT		
Student Group  All Students	Exit Exam 70.7%	Scholarships 3.6%	ELA 57.4%	Math 38.8%		
Students with disabilities other than Speech	33.3%	0.0%	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities	76.5%	3.8%	61.3%	41.1%		
Gender						
Male	67.9%	0.0%	53.7%	35.6%		
Female	73.3%	7.1%	66.1%	44.9%		
Ethnic Group						
African-American	70.7%	3.8%	60.1%	40.1%		
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status						
Free/ Reduced-Price Lunch	67.9%	3.8%	58.8%	39.3%		
Pay for Lunch	100.0%	0.0%	75%	58.3%		

### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	First-time Examinees					
	1999	2000	2001			
Our district						
Passed all 3 subtests	40.6%	21.0%	19.4%			
Passed 2 subtests	26.6%	25.8%	22.2%			
Passed 1 subtest	14.1%	24.2%	30.6%			
Passed no subtest	18.8%	29.0%	27.8%			
Districts with students like ours						
Passed all 3 subtests	37.7%	40.8%	47.6%			
Passed 2 subtests	28.1%	23.5%	20.7%			
Passed 1 subtest	17.9%	19.0%	17.8%			
Passed no subtest	16.2%	16.7%	13.9%			

#### LIFE scholarships at four-year institutions

		Percent of Seniors	
		Meeting Grade Point	Meeting SAT/ACT
	Eligible	Average Requirement	Requirement
Our District	3.6%	12.7%	3.6%
Districts Like Ours	3.6%	26.9%	3.6%

# **College Admissions Tests:** Tests that are frequently used in the college admissions process.

	SAT	SAT	SAT	ACT	ACT	ACT	ACT	ACT
	Verbal	Math	Total	English	Math	Reading	Science	Total
	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001
District	408 405	418 388	826 793	12.8 18.0	15.6 17.6	13.5 15.8	16.1 18.3	14.5 17.6
State	484 486	482 488	966 974	18.7 18.8	19.2 19.3	19.5 19.5	19.2 19.2	19.3 19.3
Nation	505 506	514 514	1019 1020	20.5 20.5	20.7 20.7	21.4 21.3	21.0 21.0	21.0 21.0

These tests were administered to samples of students:

# **Terra Nova Test:** A national, norm-referenced achievement test. Percent scoring in upper half

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	Reading		Language		Math		Total	
	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Grade 4	47.8	50.0.	43.1	50.0	58.4	50.0	50.5	50.0
Grade 7	45.8	50.0	59.4	50.0	54.7	50.0	53.9	50.0
Grade 10	59.6	50.0	59.5	50.0	62.4	50.0	59.1	50.0

National Assessment of Education Progress : A national, criterion-referenced achievement test.

#### Percents of Students

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			Adv	anced	Prof	ficient	Ba	asic	Below	/ Basic
Test	Grade	Year	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Reading	4	1998	4	6	18	23	33	32	45	39
Writing	8	1998	0	1	15	23	64	59	21	17
Mathematics	4	2000	2	3	16	23	42	43	40	31

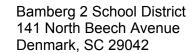
# DISTRICT PROFILE INDICATORS OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

			With	
	This District	Change from Last Year	Students Like Ours	Median District
DISTRICT				
Dollars per student	\$8,720	N/A	\$7,823	\$6,464
Prime instructional time	89.4%	Up from 88.2%	88.4%	89.4%
<ul> <li>Student-teacher ratio</li> </ul>	16.6 to 1	N/A	16.6 to 1	20.2 to 1
<ul> <li>Vacancies for more than nine weeks</li> </ul>	3.6%	N/A	2.7%	0.6%
STUDENTS (n=1,091)				
Advanced placement/ int'l baccalaureate program exam success ratio	0%	N/A	0%	43.8%
Attendance Rate	96.9%	Up from 96.7%	95.7%	95.7%
<ul> <li>Taking PACT (ELA) off grade level</li> </ul>	3.2%	N/A	8.5%	5.8%
Taking PACT (Math) off grade level	3.4%	N/A	7.2%	4.5%
Retention rate	9.2%	Up from 8.2%	9%	6.0%
TEACHERS (n=83)				
<ul> <li>Professional development days per teacher</li> </ul>	8 Days	Down from 9.5	6.8 Days	7.8 Days
Attendance rate	94.5%	Up from 93.9%	94%	95.2%
<ul> <li>Advanced Degrees</li> </ul>	34.9%	Down from 38.3%	33.9%	44.4%
Continuing contracts	71.1%	No change	71.1%	81.4%
Out-of-field permits	6%	Up from 1%	6%	2.2%
<ul> <li>Teachers returning from the previous year</li> </ul>	78.1%	Down from 80.5%	79.5%	89.5%
Average salary	\$34,944	Up 3.5%	\$34,944	\$37,143

Districts

#### DISTRICT FACTS

DISTRICT				
Annual dropout rate	7.7%	Up from 2.9%	4.1%	2.9%
<ul> <li>Percentage spent on teacher salaries</li> </ul>	48.2%	N/A	47.5%	50.9%
<ul> <li>Superintendent's years in the district</li> </ul>	9	N/A	6	3.5
<ul> <li>Parent conferences</li> </ul>	25.2%	N/A	77.4%	81.0%
<ul> <li>Opportunities in the arts</li> </ul>	Fair	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
<ul> <li>Number of schools</li> </ul>	3	No change	5	8
<ul> <li>Number of alternative schools</li> </ul>	0	No change	0	0
<ul> <li>Number of charter schools</li> </ul>	0	No change	0	0
Number of magnet schools	0	N/A	0	0
<ul> <li>Portable classrooms</li> </ul>	12%	N/A	9.4%	6.5%
<ul> <li>Attendance rate of district office staff</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	95.9%	97.5%
<ul> <li>Average administrative salary</li> </ul>	\$67,000	Up 7.9%	\$64,875	\$64,098
STUDENTS				
<ul> <li>Enrollment in adult education GED or diploma programs</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent of completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<ul> <li>Suspensions and expulsions</li> </ul>	65	N/A	41	100
Percent eligible for state gifted and talented programs	8%	Down from 8.9%	8%	10.5%
Percentage with disabilities other than speech	9.1%	Up from 6%	10.1%	10.5%





Grades K-12

Enrollment: 1,091 Students

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#### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Our 2000-2001 theme, "Committed to Excellence-Excellence Requires Teamwork," moves us in the right direction in this age of accountability. Greater expectations from all involved in the educational process cause us to be more resourceful and innovative, but yet focused on what has been established as statewide expectations for our students.

The faculty and staff of this district are committed to excellence and realize that teamwork is necessary to reach our goals. We continue to ask other stakeholders to take seriously and fulfill their roles in order to realize the full potential of teamwork for our children.

We have implemented changes and it is our desire that these changes and opportunities will translate into much improved student performance. We encourage all that read this to join us in keeping our theme relevant. We look forward to the benefits of changes in the organization of the schools. The district has been awarded a \$200,000 technology grant; a \$125,000 Even Start grant; and a 21st Century grant. With the addition of a computer-assisted program, Curriculum Designer, and the addition of a full-time curriculum and assessment director, the district has a renewed commitment to effective instruction and to getting students focused on learning.

We will continue to identify every resource, every method and idea that will facilitate skill development, acquisition of knowledge and the ability to employ high-level thinking by our students.

#### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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